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"Group philanthropy takes another form in The Nature Conservancy, a nationwide semi-scientific society with guidance from conservation-minded businessmen. The Conservancy is dedicated to locating and purchasing small, quiet nooks typical of wild America. . . . The Nature Conservancy method is an innovation that holds great promise for saving wilderness tracts. Men and women in many communities are helping to restore the balance in nature's bank by making well-considered conservation deposits."

Stewart L. Udall in "The Quiet Crisis", 1963

## THE WALCOTT PRESERVE

On June 15, 1966, nearly two years after the announcement (October 1964 Newsletter) that the transaction would take place, the purchase of 250 acres from the Anstett family was finally consummated. This tract is a vital addition to the Frederic C. Walcott Preserve (Beckley Bog) in Norfolk, Connecticut - one of the finest northern-type bogs in the State. The delay was caused by legal complications requiring a judgement by the local Court to clear the title.

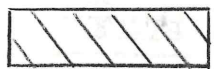
Two hundred and thirty acres, including the remainder of the black spruce bog and the surrounding upland forest of hemlock, white pine and northern hardwoods and a lovely mountainside overlooking Beckley Pond, are an outright purchase. Twenty acres of adjacent woodland have been acquired by Mrs. Reynolds Girdler of Riverside, Connecticut, who is giving The Nature Conservancy a conservation easement similar to the one presented to our organization in 1962 by Mrs. John M. Hamilton. The accompanying map (see page 2) shows the location of these parcels in relation to the bog heath and previous holdings.

Owing to the legal complications involved in this acquisition (which have now all been resolved) no full-fledged fund raising campaign to finance the purchase was mounted at the time of the initial announcement two years ago. But despite this, \$10,000 (almost two-fifths of the total needed) was received. An additional \$16,000 is now required to liquidate the loan received from the national organization and to cover necessary legal and acquisition expenses which have been incurred. Contributions (which are tax exempt for Federal Income Tax purposes) may be sent to the Chairman of the Walcott Preserve Project Committee, Mrs. John M. Hamilton, 9 Binney Lane, Old Greenwich, Connecticut 06870. Checks should be made payable to The Nature Conservancy.

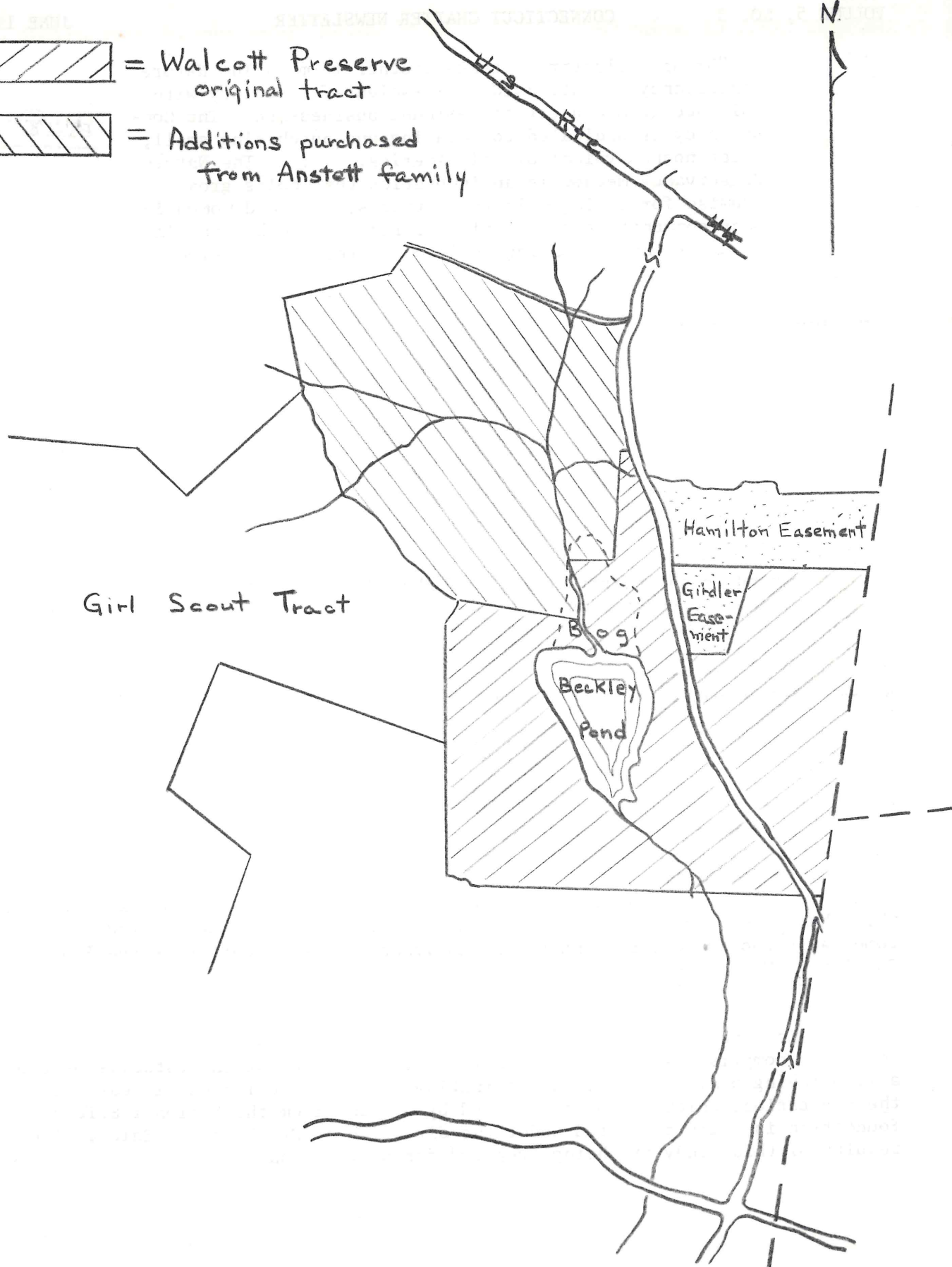
One of the exciting developments that has taken place on this Preserve, which now comprises a total of 583 acres, has been the natural establishment of a flourishing beaver colony. A fascinating study of the impact of beaver on the vegetation, which has been financed by a grant from the National Science Foundation is being conducted under the direction of Dr. Frank E. Egler. The results of this study are being prepared for publication.



= Walcott Preserve  
original tract



= Additions purchased  
from Anstett family





## NATURAL AREAS OF CONNECTICUT

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a reprint of the three-way folder entitled "The Natural Areas of Connecticut - 1966". This flyer was first produced and mailed to member of the Connecticut Chapter in 1964. It has proved to be a most popular piece.

Since the time of the first printing, The Nature Conservancy has had several acquisitions in Connecticut and this reprint has been revised to include these new areas as well as Natural Areas under protection by other agencies.

If anyone is interested in obtaining extra copies of this three-way folder, they may obtain such from our Chapter Chairman: Mrs. Agnew A. Talcott, (96 Five Mile River Road, Darien, Connecticut 06820) or from our Chairman of the Membership Committee: Mr. F. G. Jewett, (Hamburg Road, Lyme, Connecticut 06371).

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## FEDERAL COMMITTEE ON PEST CONTROL

In the interest of conveying some of the information received by the Editor to our Connecticut Chapter membership, the enclosed Information Sheet entitled "The Federal Committee on Pest Control" is enclosed herewith.

This describes some of the efforts made at the Federal level to coordinate activities concerned with pesticide problems. Establishment of this Committee is an outgrowth of the work done by the President's Science Advisory Committee in 1963.

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## CORRECTION

In the April 1966 issue of this Newsletter, as part of the article concerning the Byram River Gorge, the Editor erroneously referred to a pamphlet entitled "Workshop on Acquisition Tools" as being compiled by the Byram River Gorge Project Committee. It is the Mianus River Gorge Project Committee which is compiling this pamphlet. The Editor regrets this error.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE SUMMER MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

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